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Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway Denver, Colorado 80203

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

project name: Grand Junction Downtown Survey

county: Mesa city: Grand Junction

state ID no. 5ME 7148 temporary no.

current building name: E.T. Wireless

address: 637/639 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Debra Graham, 302 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

township: 1S range: 1W section: 14, NE 1/4, SW 1/4

historic name:

USGS quad name: Grand Jct., CO 1962 N3900-W10830 X 7.5' 15'

district name:

block: 116 lot(s) 10 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 6942-9; 6835-15

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: 1920 estimate ___ actual

source: 1981 Historic Survey of City

use: ___ commercial ___ present ___ commercial ___ historic

condition: ___ excellent X good ___ fair ___ deteriorating

extent of alterations: ___ minor ___ moderate X major

describe: stuccoed, display windows, awning, brick treatment

style:

stories:

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: stucco

square footage: 3945

National Register Eligibility:

Individual: yes no

Contributing to district: yes no

local landmark designation: _____ name _____ date

associated buildings? yes type:

if inventoried, list ID nos.

architectural description: One-story stuccoed commercial building remodeled to a mission style. Upper level facade is painted stucco. Street level has been covered with brick with display windows and awning of wood shingles. Center entrance is recessed with glass door and transom. Recessed door on right is glass and leads to second business. East side of building along alley is stucco with small arched windows trimmed in brick. There are two wood shingled awnings on painted wood brackets.

architect: unknown

source:

original owner: unknown

source:

builder/contractor: unknown

source:

theme(s): Plateau Country/commercial

construction history: (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

remodeled into a mission style; stuccoed, display windows, awning, brick treatment--possibly 1960s

historic background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of the 1920s town building.

This lot probably saw its first building, a small one about 1909. At that time it was owned by James and Mary Bucklin, who also owned several other buildings in the core of Grand Junction. Grand Junction Tent & Awning and the Western Fruit Grader apparently moved here after leaving their 601 Main location. In the 1920s the building saw several automobile-related small businesses, before its purchase by photographer Frank Dean ca. 1928; Dean may have been responsible for adding the addition to the rear. By 1930 Dean's Camera shop was 639, managed by Frank's son Preston. Preston and his close friend Al Look reportedly took the first aerial photographs of Grand Mesa. About 1946 the younger Dean apparently sold the building and business to Theodore & Hanna Fouts; They renamed it Midwest Photo Service. For a short time it was managed by Robert C. Gilmore, who also managed the elder Dean's business. By 1951 Walter Stevens owned the structure, soon installing his optometry business in 637, while Midwest Photo stayed at 639, now owned by Roy and Mary Petersen.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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| <p>_____ architectural significance:</p> <p>_____ represents the work of a master</p> <p>_____ possesses high artistic values</p> <p>_____ represents a type, period or method of construction</p> | <p>_____ historic significance:</p> <p>_____ associated with significant persons</p> <p>_____ associated with significant events or patterns</p> <p>_____ contributes to an historic district</p> |
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statement of significance:
Does Not meet Nat'l. Register criteria
May contribute to a local register

references (be specific)
1981 Historic Survey of City
Mesa County Assessor's Records

surveyed by: Marty Alexandroff affiliation: Winter & Company
date: July, 1994

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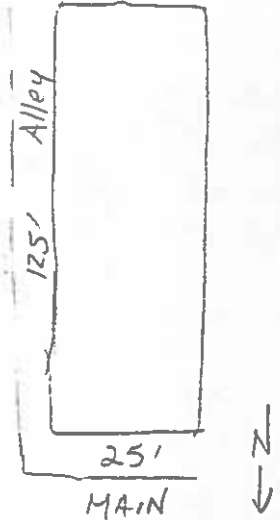
Does Not meet Nat'l. Register criteria
Non-contributing; alterations are not reversible

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